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Mahalo,

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Mahalo for your time in this matter,



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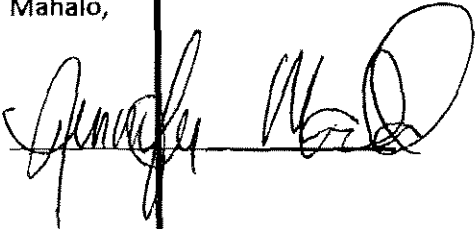
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Mahalo,



Shirley & Ronald Wong
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Many small businesses rely on vacation rentals to bring them business. This is true of grocery stores, gift shops, clothing stores, and restaurants. By continuing to outlaw legal vacation rental options, we are shooting our economy in the foot, state wide. Hawaii would benefit from the extra tax dollars that are brought into economy because of these rentals. Many small businesses in towns such as Waianae, Kapahulu, Kaimuki, Kohala, Kailua, Wailuku, Hawi, Waimea, Waimanalo, Makaha, Punalu'u and others, will loose most of their small business that cater to the new wave of visitors, and many will be forced into bankruptcy.

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Sincerely,

Shirley Wong

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I am writing in support vacation rentals in Hawaii. This is not a topic unique to Hawaii, but is simply the new trend in travel. The internet made it possible for tourists to view quaint vacation rentals from their home, and choose the town setting of their choice for their vacation. There are vacation rentals throughout all 50 states, and throughout the world. Hotels are no longer desirable to many travelers, especially the younger generations. The demand is to stay in a comfortable quiet place, where visitors can make their own meals, and have a more private vacation.

If we limit our tourism industry to only hotels in Waikiki, and on the outer islands, the tourism industry will most certainly start to decrease, and this trend will continue to deplete us of visitors the more and more that vacation rentals continue to become the preferred way to travel.

Many travel to "get away from it all", and we need to realize that Waikiki is not what people are in demand of. If we do not support what tourists want, we will start losing our industry to other travel destinations where a variety of lodging choices are available.

I oppose any short-term rental owner who does not respect their neighbors. Reasonable rules and Non-conforming use certificates would help curb complaints and help us coexist. If a rental owner does not comply, we should all agree the owner should not have a NUC. This is why permitting is so important.

Sincerely,

Lynette Kaninaka

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Dear Ms. Marshall:

I think we have come to a time that if we cannot keep pace with the many other travel destinations that permit and allow vacation rentals, Hawaii will lose much of its reputation as a favored vacation destination. If, due simply to a very vocal minority, Hawaii limits its accommodations to large hotels, in the major cities, a lot of business will undoubtedly and needlessly be lost, and the State will lose a lot of revenue.

I support permitting and keeping vacation rentals as a viable travel option in Hawaii. Vacation Rentals are the wave of the future, and are not simply a trend unique to Kailua or Hawaii. Vacation rentals are now increasingly becoming the #1 way for people to lodging throughout the world. There are vacation rentals throughout the mainland, Europe, Australia, the Caribbean, South America, and Africa. Since the explosion of the internet, it has become the favored way to travel, similar to the manner in which Ebay and other online shopping outlets have risen in popularity. As a state that relies heavily upon tourism, I can't imagine why anyone would be opposed to continuing to make private rentals available for travelers.

People around the world have decided that private vacation rentals is a better way to travel. It is generally cheaper, quieter, usually cleaner, safer and more appealing to visitors who do not want to pay expensive parking fees, and stay in a crowded hotel or motel that is anything but relaxing. Travel agents aren't needed to book their accommodations any more, and vacationers take pride in finding a place that they enjoy, where they can cook their own meals and be treated with aloha by the locals.

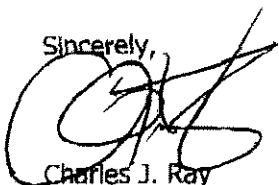
All of the minor problems which are consistently referred to by rental opponents can be completely resolved by an effective permitting program. Unfortunately, some rentals are not managed effectively, or at all for that matter, and those few bad examples are causing what is a very good, effective lodging alternative, to become a heated topic of argument between those who are for and those who are against vacation rentals.

It is obvious and unavoidable that Oahu will continue to become more and more crowded in the future, and I would much rather see tourists staying in small, private vacation rentals in Kailua, than witnessing the construction of numerous high rise hotel, with the accompanying traffic, crime and congestion -- a future that I believe will happen if vacation rentals are eliminated as options for tourists.

Change is sometimes difficult to accept, but looking at the big picture, I don't believe Hawaii can outlaw vacation rentals and continue to compete as a major tourist destination. Effective regulation would minimize complaints, and ensure safety and that the proper taxes are collected from participants. Closing them all down would be a huge mistake, as many, many prospective visitors will travel elsewhere less restrictive and more enlightened, where they can make arrangements for lodging based on their needs and desires.

Mahalo for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Charles J. Ray